

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 9, and 11-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 22 are independent.

Claims 1-5, 9, and 11-15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Berberet, Gerba, and Sezan, for the reasons noted at pages 2-7 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

Each of independent Claims 1 and 22 recites a novel/non-obvious combination of structure and function whereby a real time interactive video system has memory structure (or a server) configured to store (i) a sequence of frames of video content, and (ii) separate linked video files that are not embedded in the video content. Notably, the linked video files comprise pixel object files (that identify the frame and locations of the pixel object in the frame), and data object files. The linked video files are exportable to a viewer interaction platform, such as a media player.

In contrast, none of the art cited in the case (including Berberet, Gerba, and Gupta discloses or suggests such a combination of features. Berberet discloses storing subscriber recordings in the form of pointers to frames of video, and "connects multiple intermediate Video Sources with one another."

(Para [0087].) However, Berberet fails to disclose or suggest that each linked video file (not embedded in the video content) comprises a pixel object file and a separate data object file linked to the pixel object file, where the pixel object file identifies a video frame and location within the frame of an object selected by a user, and where the data object file includes data corresponding to the object selected by the user.

The Examiner admits that Berberet fails to disclose or suggest separate linked video files and that the linked video files are exportable to the viewer interaction platform, but points to Gerba to supply this deficiency. However, Gerba also fails to disclose or suggest that each linked video file (not embedded in the video content) comprises a pixel object file and a separate data object file linked to the pixel object file, where the pixel object file identifies a video frame and location within the frame of an object selected by a user, and where the data object file includes data corresponding to the object selected by the user.

The remaining art of record in the case fails to cure the deficiencies in the art discussed above. Therefore the salient claimed features of the subject application are fully patentable over the cited art.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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